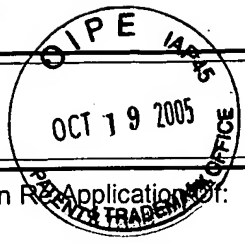


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, requiring restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121

Group I. Claims 1–33, drawn to a surface treatment apparatus, and

Group II Claims 34–36, drawn to an image recording apparatus,

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1–33, without traverse.

Further in response to the requirement to elect a single disclosed species of the following patentably distinct species

Species 1: claims 1–6,

Species 2: claims 7–25, and

Species 3: claims 26–33,

Applicant elects Species 1, Claims 1–6, without traverse.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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